

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-25, 27, and 29-32 are pending in the present application, Claim 23 having been amended, and Claims 1-22, 26, and 28 having been previously canceled. Support for the amendment to Claim 23 is found, for example, in Fig. 20. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 23, 24, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as anticipated by Chauvel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,369,855, hereinafter Chauvel) in view of Okada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,181,870, hereinafter Okada); and Claims 25, 27 and 29-31 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 25, 27, and 29-31.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 23 as unpatentable over Chauvel and Okada, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to Claim 23 overcomes this ground of rejection. Claim 23 is amended to recite, *inter alia*, "...said bitstream data containing transport stream packets with time stamp information...and a control unit configured to generate a time relation table relating to the transport stream packets in order to record information of the generated time relation table in said medium."

Applicants note that the outstanding Office Action states "Chauvel fails to disclose the recited table." Thus, the outstanding Office Action relies on Okada to describe the claimed "time relation table."

The data structure disclosed in Okada relates to the packet stream format as shown in Fig. 4A of Okada.¹ On the contrary, amended Claim 23 is amended to be directed toward the transport stream packet format. The time map table of Okada only relates time codes to each

¹ Okada, col. 16, lines 12-16.

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VOBU and relates time codes to sets of cell information.² The time map table of Okada does not relate to transport stream packets.

In view of the above-noted distinctions, Claim 23 (and Claims 24 and 32) patentably distinguish over Chauvel and Okada, taken alone or in proper combination.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

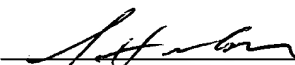
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² Okada, col. 80, lines 35-40.